

# PetiteKnit

## MARIE'S ROMPER



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<b>Sizes:</b>	3-6 months (6-9 months) 9-12 months (12-18 months) 18-24 months (2-3 years)
<b>Gauge:</b>	22 sts x 32 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches] in stockinette stitch after blocking
<b>Measurements:</b>	Bust circumference: 46 (49) 51 (53) 55 (58) cm [18 (19¼) 20 (21) 21¾ (22¾) inches]
<b>Needles:</b>	Circular needles: 3 mm [US2½] and 3.5 mm [US4] / 40 cm and 60 cm [16 and 24 inches] (or the required needle size to obtain gauge) Double-pointed needles: 3 mm [US2½] and 3.5 mm [US4]
<b>Materials:</b>	Colour A (top): 50 (100) 100 (100) 100 (100) g Duo by Sandnes Garn (50 g = 115 m [126 yds]) DK weight Colour B (bottom): 100 (100) 100 (100) 100 (100) g Duo by Sandnes Garn (50 g = 115 m [126 yds]) 3 popper buttons

## PATTERN

Marie's Romper is worked from the top down with raglan increases and a neckline shaped with short rows. An invisible casing for the drawstring is worked around the waist. Extra height is added at the back of the romper to make room for a diapered bottom, and it is finished with popper (snap) buttons between the legs.

### About raglan increases

The raglan increases are worked on either side of a central raglan stitch (the raglan stitch is a regular stockinette stitch, which is knit on the RS and purled on the WS). When seen from the RS of the work, the raglan increase to the right of the central raglan stitch will slant right (M1R), and the raglan increase to the left will slant left (M1L). These increases are worked as follows:

#### M1R:

On RS rows: Insert left needle under the strand between the stitches from back to front, then knit this strand through the front loop (as you would normally).

On WS rows: Insert left needle under the strand between the stitches from front to back, then purl this strand through the back loop.

#### M1L:

On RS rows: Insert left needle under the strand between the stitches from front to back, then knit this strand through the back loop (twisted).

On WS rows: Insert left needle under the strand between the stitches from back to front, then purl this strand through the front loop.

### Yoke

Cast on 58 (64) 70 (72) 72 (76) sts using an Italian cast-on (a video of the technique can be found on [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)) on 3 mm [US2½] / 40 cm [16 inches] circular needles with colour A. Tip: It may be helpful to use double-pointed needles instead for the smaller sizes.

Join to knit in the round, making sure that the cast on edge is not twisted, and place a marker to indicate the beginning of the round. Work 5 rounds of k1, p1 ribbing.

Change to 3.5 mm [US4] / 40 cm [16 inches] circular needles by knitting all of the sts onto the new needles. Divide the work into sleeves, front and back by placing the following markers on either side of each of the 4 raglan sts as follows:

Knit 10 (11) 12 (12) 12 (13) sts (right side of back), place marker, k1 (raglan st), place marker, knit 7 (8) 9 (10) 10 (10) sts (right sleeve), place marker, k1 (raglan st), place marker, knit 20 (22) 24 (24) 24 (26) sts (front), place marker, k1 (raglan st), place marker, knit 7 (8) 9 (10) 10 (10) sts (left sleeve), place marker, k1 (raglan st), place marker, knit 10 (11) 12 (12) 12 (13) sts (left side of back). The round begins at the marker at the center of the back.

Now work short rows to shape the neckline, while **at the same time** working raglan increases. I recommend using the technique called *German Short Rows* (find my video demonstrating the technique on [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)).

Work as follows:

- Step 1 (RS): Knit to raglan st, M1R, k1 (raglan st), M1L, knit to next raglan st, M1R, k1 (raglan st), M1L, k2. Turn your work.
- Step 2 (WS): Purl to beginning of round marker (mid back).
- Step 3 (WS): Purl to raglan st, M1R, p1 (raglan st), M1L, purl to next raglan st, M1R, p1 (raglan st), M1L, p2. Turn your work.
- Step 4 (RS): Knit to beginning of round (mid back).

A total of 8 increases have been worked on Steps 1-4.

Repeat Steps 1–4, **but** each time working 2 more sts before turning (i.e. work the turning stitch from the last row on the same side, then work 2 more sts, then turn your work). Repeat Steps 1-4 another 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (3) times as described, so a total of 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) raglan increases have been worked on either side of the 4 raglan sts. There are now 90 (96) 102 (104) 104 (108) sts on the needles.

The neckline has now been shaped using short rows. Now work in the round in stockinette stitch, while **at the same time** working raglan increases every other round until **a total** of 12 (13) 13 (14) 15 (16) raglan increases have been worked in the transitions between sleeves and front and back. There are now a total of 154 (168) 174 (184) 192 (204) sts on the needles. Change to a longer circular needle when necessary to accommodate the increasing number of sts.

## Body

Now divide the sts into sleeves and body, while **at the same time** casting on new sts at each underarm, as follows:

Knit 23 (25) 26 (27) 28 (30) sts (right side of back), place the next 31 (34) 35 (38) 40 (42) sts on a stitch holder, scrap yarn or spare cable (right sleeve), cast on 4 new sts for the armhole using the backward loop method, knit 46 (50) 52 (54) 56 (60) sts (front), place the next 31 (34) 35 (38) 40 (42) sts on a stitch holder, scrap yarn or spare cable (left sleeve), cast on 4 new sts for the armhole using the backward loop method, knit 23 (25) 26 (27) 28 (30) sts (left side of back).

There are 100 (108) 112 (116) 120 (128) sts on the needles for the body. The beginning of the round is now in the middle of the new sts cast on for the right armhole. Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the romper measures 5 (6) 7 (8) 9 (10) cm [2 (2½) 2¾ (3) 3½ (4) inches] from the underarm.

## Drawstring casing

First the **outside section of the casing** is worked as follows:

Change to color B. Knit across 2 rounds.

Work a round where 2 eyelets for the drawstring are worked at the front:

Knit 20 (22) 23 (24) 25 (27) sts, k2tog, yarn over, k6, yarn over, k2tog tbl, knit to end of round. Knit across 1 round. Do **not** break the yarn.

Now the **inside section of the casing** is worked as follows:

Work with color B (from a new ball of yarn) and pick up and knit 100 (108) 112 (116) 120 (128) sts from the WS of the work using a 3,5 mm [US4] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needle from the first round worked in color B. Knit 3 rounds, where the RS of the stockinette stitch is facing the child.

Join the inside and outside sections of the casing by placing them parallel to each other (WS to WS) and knitting 1 stitch from the outside section together with 1 stitch from the inside section from the RS of the romper all the way around. There are now 100 (108) 112 (116) 120 (128) sts on the needles for the bottom.

Knit across 4 rounds. Now raise the back of the romper with short rows, to make room for a diapered bottom. Place a stitch marker (side marker) in the middle of the armhole sts of the left armhole, so the body is divided into front and back by the two markers – the beginning of round marker and the just placed side marker – with the same number of sts on both front and back (50 (54) 56 (58) 60 (64) sts).

Starting at the beginning of round marker, raise the back by working short rows as follows:

\*Knit to 20 (20) 20 (20) 20 (20) sts before the beginning of round marker at the right side of the work, turn.  
Purl to 20 (20) 20 (20) 20 (20) sts before side marker at the left side of the work, turn.\*

Continue working short rows as established from \* to \*, while turning 4 sts after the last turn each time (i.e., closer to the marker), until a total of 5 (5) 5 (5) 5 (5) turns have been worked on either side.

Continue in the round in stockinette stitch until the romper measures 20 (22) 23 (24) (25) 26 cm [8 (8¾) 9 (9½) 9¾ (10¼) inches] from the underarm. (If you are knitting Marie's Romper for a long child, add a couple of cm [an inch or so] here).

## **Leg openings**

The bottom of the romper is divided into front and back and each is finished separately to form the leg openings.

Start at the beginning of round marker (right side) and work as follows:

Bind off 14 (14) 14 (14) 14 (14) sts (right leg), knit 22 (26) 28 (30) 32 (36) sts (front), bind off 14 (14) 14 (14) 14 (14) sts (left leg), knit 50 (54) 56 (58) 60 (64) sts (back).

Finish the back first. Bind off sts on the back as follows:

\*Bind off 2 sts, work stockinette stitch to end of row\*, repeat from \* to \* a total of 20 (22) 22 (24) 24 (26) times. There are now 10 (10) 12 (10) 12 (12) sts left. Bind off remaining sts on next row.

Finish the front in the same way, binding off sts until there are 10 (10) 12 (10) 12 (12) sts left on the needle. Work a further 3 (3) 3 (3) 4 (5) cm [ $1\frac{1}{4}$  ( $1\frac{1}{4}$ )  $1\frac{1}{4}$  ( $1\frac{1}{4}$ )  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ( $1\frac{3}{4}$ ) inches] back and forth in stockinette stitch across the remaining 10 (10) 12 (10) 12 (12) sts. Bind off.

Now work rib edges along the leg openings. First along at the sides, and then between the legs.

RS facing, pick up and knit 47 (53) 53 (59) 61 (65) sts along one leg opening (not between the legs) using a 3 mm [US2½] needle. Work 5 rows of k1, p1 ribbing. Bind off using the Italian bind-off technique on the 6th row (RS).

Work the end of the other leg opening in the same way.

Now work rib edges on the front and back sections between the legs.

RS facing, pick up and knit 17 (17) 19 (17) 19 (19) sts using a 3 mm [US2½] needle along the front end. Work 5 rows of k1, p1 ribbing. Knit the first and last stitch extra tightly for a neat edge. Bind off using the Italian bind-off technique on the 6th row (RS).

Work the rib edge on the back end in the same way.

## Sleeves

Slip the sts on hold for one sleeve onto 3.5 mm [US4] double-pointed needles. Pick up and knit 4 sts along the sts that were cast on at the underarm when working the body. There are now a total of 35 (38) 39 (42) 44 (46) sts on the needle. Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the sleeve measures 2 (2) 3 (3) 4 (4) cm [ $\frac{3}{4}$  ( $\frac{3}{4}$ )  $1\frac{1}{4}$  ( $1\frac{1}{4}$ )  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) inches]. If necessary, adjust the number of sts to an even number.

Change to 3 mm [US2½] double-pointed needles and work 5 rounds of k1, p1 ribbing. Bind off using the Italian bind-off technique on the 6th round.

Work the other sleeve identically.

## Finishing

Weave in all ends. Sew the 3 popper buttons to the rib edges between the legs, so the front overlaps the back.

Knit an i-cord drawstring as follows: Cast on 3 sts on a 3.5 mm [US4] double-pointed needle. Knit the 3 sts, without turning the needle, slide the sts to the opposite end of the needle, hold the working yarn to the back, knit the 3 sts from the RS again. Continue in this way until the i-cord measures approx. 60 (60) 70 (70) 70 (70) cm [ $23\frac{1}{2}$  ( $23\frac{1}{2}$ )  $27\frac{1}{2}$  ( $27\frac{1}{2}$ )  $27\frac{1}{2}$  ( $27\frac{1}{2}$ ) inches]. Break the yarn, thread it through the sts on the needle and weave in the ends. Thread the drawstring through the casing using a safety pin. Note that the i-cord will lengthen with use.

## Abbreviations

k	knit
k2tog	decrease; knit two stitches together (right slanting)
k2tog tbl	decrease; knit two stitches together through the back loops (left slanting)
M1L	increase; make 1 left (left slanting) – see About raglan increases
M1R	increase; make 1 right (right slanting) – see About raglan increases
p	purl
RS	right side of your work
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side of your work

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